

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A frying device in accordance with claim ~~10~~ 19, wherein the agitator is connected by means of a plug-in coupling to an output shaft ~~of~~ driven by an electric motor ~~by means of a plug-in coupling~~.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A frying device in accordance with claim ~~10~~ 22, wherein the ~~frying drum and the discharge drum are designed to be decomposable into their component parts~~ the unit is designed to be decomposable into the frying drum and the discharge drum.

19. (new) A frying device for cooking foodstuffs, comprising:

a service drum;

a unit comprising a frying drum designed as a hollow cylinder having a horizontal axis and being closed on all sides, containing liquefied cooking fat, and a discharge drum having a discharging conveyor chute, arranged coaxial within the frying drum and being attached to a cover of the frying drum;

said unit being accommodated in the service drum in such a manner as to be removable from the service drum by axial displacement;

a motor;

a revolving agitator accommodated in the frying drum, connected to the motor and rotatable around the fixed discharge drum, conveying cooked portions onto a conveyor chute when driven by the motor;

a storage container for foodstuffs to be cooked; and

a transportation pipe connecting the frying drum to the storage container for supplying the frying drum with portions of the foodstuffs.

20. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the discharge drum is designed to be decomposable into its component parts.

21. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the frying drum is designed to be decomposable into its component parts.

22. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 19, wherein the discharge drum is provided with a slit-shaped recess with a conveyor chute that continues the recess.

23. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 22, wherein the conveyor chute has a U-shaped profile.

24. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 23, wherein parallel limbs of the U-shaped profile engage with an inner surface of a pipe-shaped part of the discharge drum.

25. (new) A frying device in accordance with claim 22, wherein said conveyor chute is downwardly inclined and a prolongation of the downwardly inclined conveyor chute passes through the cover of the frying drum and a cover of the service drum.